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Comics legend Chris Claremont had an epic 16-year run on **X-MEN**, which concluded with **X-MEN: MUTANT GENESIS #1-3** in 1991. Now, in an unprecedented comics event, Claremont returns to his iconic run on the **X-MEN**.



PROFESSOR X
Charles Xavier



WOLVERINE
Logan



CYCLOPS
Scott Summers



ROGUE
Anna Marie Raven



NIGHTCRAWLER
Kurt Wagner

X-MEN FOREVER

The X-Men are no strangers to trials and tribulations as a team, but the recent death of Logan – aka Wolverine – has been one of the worst. The death struck some harder than others: Jean Grey, who was revealed to have shared a passionate, unconsummated love with Logan; Kitty Pryde, who looked to Logan as family and who, through some freak accident, “stole” one of Logan’s claws; and Sabretooth, the frequent foe and now tenuous ally to the X-Men, who finally confirmed that Logan was his son.

While attempting to cope with this sorrow, the X-Men received the damning news that Professor Xavier had been hiding a terrible secret from the team. Through years of research, Professor Xavier discovered that the same genetic qualities that give mutants their extraordinary abilities also make them dangerously unstable. In summary: all mutants eventually burn out and die young.

In typical X-Men fashion, half of the team had to set aside their grief and jet off to South America to respond to a S.H.I.E.L.D. distress signal regarding a Sentinel attack. When they arrived, they discovered Sigrid “Ziggy” Trask, heiress to the Trask family, creators of the mutant-hating Sentinels. The X-Men clashed with the metal monsters, but Ziggy Trask escaped, leaving the team with some stressful loose ends and unanswered questions.

Now the X-Men have gathered at the mansion to bid a final farewell to their beloved teammate...



BEAST
Hank McCoy



LIL' 'RO
Adolescent clone of
Ororo Munroe?



JEAN GREY



GAMBIT
Remy Picard



SHADOWCAT
Kitty Pryde

A DAY AGO, THESE X-MEN WERE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD. NOW, THEY'RE HOME.

YOU ALL RIGHT, KURT?

NO.

I MISS MY FRIEND, HENRY.

I MISS WOLVERINE.

I'D HOPED SENDING THE BULK OF THE TEAM TO SOUTH AMERICA WOULD NOT ONLY TAKE THEIR MINDS OFF THEIR LOSS, BUT HELP TO PURGE SOME OF THE GRIEF FROM THEIR SYSTEMS.

DIDN'T WORK.

JEAN HAS SAID HARDLY A WORD SINCE THEY GOT BACK. SHE JUST PLUNGED RIGHT TO WORK GETTING THE MANSION READY FOR THE FUNERAL...

...HELPED OUT BY 'RO.

CHARLES ISN'T MUCH BETTER.

AFTER THE REVELATIONS ABOUT OUR "SITUATION," HE PRETTY MUCH RETREATED TO HIS LAB--

--MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO FIND A CURE.

CAN'T
SAY I
BLAME
HIM--
WHAT'S
THAT?!

I'VE
JUST ABOUT
HAD
IT WITH YOU,
CAJUN!

FROM THE
SOUND
OF THINGS,
SABRETOOTH'S
ON THE
WARPATH
AGAIN.

WONDER
WHAT
GAMBIT DID
THIS TIME,
TO SET HIM
OFF?

'RO AN'
KITTY,
THEY'RE MY
FRIENDS.

FAR AS
YOU'RE
CONCERNED,
THAT
MEANS OFF-
LIMITS.

**ZBA-
M!**

**BOTH
OF YOU--
BREAK THIS
UP!**





HOME, come the HEROES!

By CHRIS CLAREMONT and PAUL SMITH
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HMM!

SEEMS
LIKE I
CLAWED A
NERVE.

WE ALL DEAL
WITH THINGS OUR
OWN WAY, KID.

YOU DON'T
LIKE MY STYLE,
I DON'T CARE.

BUT YOU MEANT
MORE THAN YOU KNOW
TO THE BOY...

...AN' LIKE IT OR
NOT, YOU'RE A PART
OF ME NOW.

SO THIS
ONCE I'LL DO YOU
THE COURTESY OF
PLAYING BY YOUR
RULES.

JUST BEAR IN
MIND, DOWN THE
ROAD IT'LL BE
YOUR TURN.

--TO
PLAY BY
MINE.

SHOULD
BE FUN.

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DON'T KNOW
WHAT SPOOKS
ME MORE--
SABRETOOTH'S
THREAT, THE
LOOK OF RAW
ANTICIPATION
ON HIS FACE...

...OR KITTY'S
REACTION.

SAVE YOUR
QUESTIONS,
SCOTT.

I'VE BEEN
STEERING CLEAR
OF KATHERINE'S MIND.
THE NATURE, THE VERY
STRUCTURE, OF HER
THOUGHTS HAS JUST
BECOME TOO
VIOLENTLY
UNBEARABLE.

DON'T
THAT WORRY
YOU?

IT
TERRIFIES
ME--

--BUT
SOMETIMES
IT'S BETTER TO
LET THE STORM
PASS BEFORE
ATTEMPTING TO
MOVE AHEAD, THE
BETTER TO SEE
THE WAY.

CHARLES, WHAT
IF WE'RE TALKING
MOUNT VESUVIUS AND
POMPEII?

SOMETIMES,
DESPITE THE BEST
INTENTIONS, YOUR
RATIONAL CAUTION
CAN TURN A CRISIS
INTO AN OUTRIGHT
DISASTER.

HAVE YOU AN
ALTERNATIVE?

NOT YET.
I'M STILL
WORKING
ON IT.

THEN
IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE ME,
I HAVE VERY
MUCH TO
DO.

YOU CAN'T
HELP ANYONE
IF YOU DON'T
TAKE CARE OF
YOURSELF.

MIGHT
AS WELL
BE
TALKING
TO THE
WALL.



IT'S HARD
DEALING WITH
CHARLES
NOW--
BECAUSE I'M
SO ANGRY
WITH HIM FOR
NOT TELLING
US THE
TRUTH.

WE
ALL
ARE.

BEING A TELEPATH,
AND OUR TEACHER--
IN SO MANY WAYS.
VERY MUCH A FOSTER
FATHER--HE KNOWS
FULL WELL HOW MUCH
HE MEANT TO US, AND
HOW DEEPLY BETRAYED
WE ALL FEEL.



I
UNDER-
STAND
HIS
DECISION
TO KEEP
THINGS
SECRET--

--BUT IT
WAS
WRONG.

NOTHING
TO BE DONE
ABOUT IT
NOW. WHAT
MATTERS IS
WHERE WE
GO FROM
HERE.

GOD,
WERE WE
REALLY SO
YOUNG
WHEN
THIS ALL
STARTED?

WAS IT
REALLY
ONLY A
HANDFUL
OF YEARS
AGO?



SOMETIMES,
WITH ALL
WE'VE BEEN
THROUGH, IT
SEEMS LIKE
A WHOLE
LIFETIME.



So
MUCH HAS
CHANGED.



JEAN, I--
OH, SORRY, I
DIDN'T MEAN--

NO, IT'S OKAY.
I'VE BEEN SUCH A MESS
LATELY... I'M FINE.

I JUST CAME TO
TELL YOU EVERYONE'S
ARRIVING.

OKAY.

SCOTT?

HM?

...THANK
YOU...
FOR DOING
THIS.



JEAN FALLS ASLEEP IN MY ARMS. I DON'T MIND, SHE REALLY NEEDS IT.

A PART OF ME IS ANGRY OVER LOSING HER TO LOGAN, BUT THEY WERE TRULY HAPPY TOGETHER. SHE'S MY BEST FRIEND, HOW CAN I RESENT THAT?

FOR BETTER OR WORSE, MY CHOICE IS TO HELP.

IDENTIFICATION, PLEASE.

SCOTT WASN'T KIDDING ABOUT SECURITY, YOU GUYS. S.H.I.E.L.D. HAS THE SCHOOL LOCKED UP TIGHT.

GUESS WE'RE NOT OUTLAWS ANYMORE. DAMN, LOOKS LIKE THE X-MEN HAVE BEEN CAGED.



GIVEN WHAT'S HAPPENED, BOBBY, MAYBE WE CAN USE THE HELP.

SAM GUTHRIE AND FRIENDS. HERE FOR THE FUNERAL.

MAN, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D USE THAT WORD ABOUT LOGAN.

I FIGURED HE'D LIVE FOREVER.



YOU SEE THE NAMES ON THE GUEST LIST--?

THE HECK WITH THAT. YOU SEE THE LIST OF CONDOLENCES?

WHO'D'A THOUGHT A RUNT LIKE THAT COULD KNOW SO MANY MAJOR WORLD PLAYERS...

MUCH LESS HAVE THEIR RESPECT?



G'MORNING, MR. WAGNER.

AND TO YOU, MS. SINCLAIR. THANKS FOR COMING, SAM.

BARELY A WEEK SINCE THE LAST VISIT. KURT, BUT OUR WHOLE WORLD'S CHANGED.

LOOK AT THAT SKY, DANN! IT'S SUCH A LOVELY DAY.

WHO KNOWS, 'BERTO? PERHAPS THE GODS ARE SHOWING THEIR RESPECT FOR OUR FRIEND.

IT'S SO WEIRD SOMETIMES, TO SEE HOW THINGS CHANGE WHEN PERCEPTIONS CRASH AGAINST REALITY.

I MEAN, WE'RE SO USED TO THINKING OF OURSELVES AS LONERS AND OUTCASTS--TO BE A MUTANT IS SUPPOSED TO BE PERMANENTLY ON THE OUTSIDE OF SOCIETY--

--YET ALL I HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AROUND THIS ESTATE, AT EVERYONE WHO'S COME TO HONOR OUR FRIEND, TO REALIZE THAT'S WRONG.

AVENGERS ARE HERE.

AND THE FANTASTIC FOUR.

CHARLES, I'M SO SORRY.

THANK YOU, REED--

"ALTHOUGH I SUSPECT THAT LOGAN'S RESPONSE TO THIS GATHERING, AND OUR SENTIMENTS, WOULD BE FAR MORE RUDE."

HE DID HAVE THAT WAY ABOUT HIM.

HEY JEAN-- HOW YOU DOIN', GIRL?

IT'S A HARD DAY FOR US ALL, BEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING.

HAVE YOU EVER MET MY PARENTS?

FORGE IS HERE.

OH, GREAT-- HERE'S ANOTHER CREEPY X-GUY CHECKIN' ME OUT. WHAT IS IT WITH THESE PEOPLE?

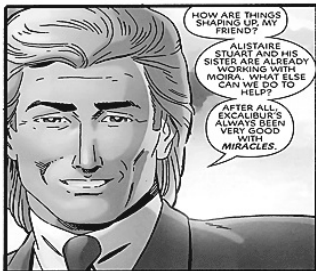
NO WONDER KITTY WOULDN'T LET ME BRING LOCKHEED. SHE PROBABLY FIGURED I'D TELL HIM TO START USING HIS FLAMES.

SIGH-- SHE'S PROBABLY RIGHT.

SEEING HER HERE IS UNSETTLING.

WATCH YOURSELF, FORGE. SHE MIGHT NOT KNOW WHO YOU ARE...





COSA--
CONSORTIUM ORBITAL
SURVEILLANCE ARRAY--
SCANNER SYSTEMS
FULLY OPERATIONAL.
STATUS NOMINAL.

HMMH-- THERE
WAS THE INITIAL SPIKE
OF ACTIVITY THE NIGHT
OF THE WOLVERINE'S
DEATH...

...AND
LATER, WITH THE
TEAM'S DEPARTURE
TO SOUTH
AMERICA...

...BUT SINCE
THEIR RETURN,
THE XAVIER
ESTATE HAS BEEN
SURPRISINGLY
QUIET.

THERE'S
ACTIVITY
NEARBY IN
SALEM CENTER
BUT
SURVEILLANCE
INDICATES
NOTHING
ON THESE
GROUNDS.

WE'RE
DEPENDING
TOO MUCH ON
TECHNOLOGY.
HAVE WE ANY
LOCAL
OPERATIVES?

GIVEN THE ENHANCED
S.H.I.E.L.D.
PRESENCE AND
THE NUMBER OF
X-MEN PSYCHICS,
HUMAN ASSETS
AREN'T RECOM-
MENDED.

WHICH IN ITSELF IS
UNCHARACTERISTIC
OF THE X-MEN.

PERHAPS--
BUT NOW THEY'VE
GOT FURY'S HAND
AROUND THEIR
THROATS. PERHAPS
THAT'S MAKING THE
DIFFERENCE.

I GET NO
SENSE OF
ANYTHING BEING
WRONG. THE
MUTANTS JUST
LOOK LIKE THEY'RE
GOING TO
GROUND.

MAINTAIN FULL
SURVEILLANCE.
WE'LL SEE WHAT
DEVELOPS.

HANK MCCOY'S LAB...

EVER WONDER WHY THIS ESTATE IS SO HUGE--FOUR SQUARE MILES ALONG BREAKSTONE LAKE AND GRAYMALKIN LANE--COMPLETE WITH THE REGION'S ORIGINAL FOREST?

HOWSABOUT, SHEER SIZE ALONE PRETTY MUCH GUARANTEES A FAIR MEASURE OF PRIVACY.

AHA, YOU SAY, BUT THAT DOESN'T ALLOW FOR EYES-ON-HIGH.

WITH ALL THE GOVERNMENT SPY SATELLITES IN ORBIT THESE DAYS, WHO'S GOING TO NOTICE ANOTHER ONE BELONGING TO THE CONSORTIUM?

BEFORE ONE, I GUARANTEE I'LL FIND IT.

UNTIL THEN, YOUR "BIRD" IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS ELECTRONIC EYES.

AND I'VE JUST CREATED A HOLOGRAPHIC CLOAK OVER THE WHOLE ESTATE TO FOOL THEM.

"NO MORE PEEKING, WRETCHED VILLAINS," IS THAT THE DEAL, BIG GUY?

HEY--WORKING HERE, YOUTH!

BLAH-BLAH-BLAH, PARDON MY FRENCH.

PARDON, ROBERT? CE N'EST PAS FRANÇAIS.

GIMME A BREAK, WILL YA, HANK, GEEZE!

SO WHATCHA UP TO, BIG GUY?

JUST DOING MY BEST TO FOIL THE FIENDISH SCHEMES OF SWINES AND VILLAINS, IS ALL.

TODAY IS A PRIVATE MOMENT.

THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO WATCH AND GLOAT.

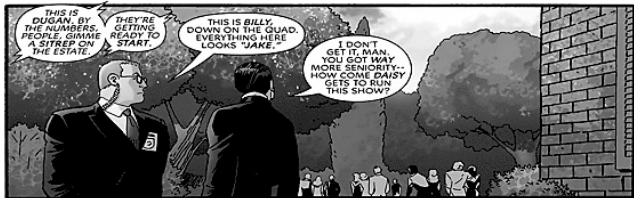
GOOD FOR YOU, HANK.

ALL WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS BALANCE THE SCALES.

KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY YET, SCOTT?

STILL WORKING ON IT.





STILL
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
I'LL
SAY.



LOOKING
AROUND,
I THINK
THERE
SHOULD
BE A LOT
MORE
PEOPLE--

--BUT TOO
MANY OF THE
FOLKS LOGAN
KNOWS BEST--
MYSTIQUE, FOR
ONE, YUKIO,
FOR ANOTHER,
ALMOST
EVERYONE HE
KNOWS ON
MADRIPOOR
FOR A THIRD--
WON'T COME
ANYWHERE
NEAR A PLACE
WATCHED OVER
BY THE LAW.

IMPERIAL
JAPANESE
SECURITY
REFUSED
TO ALLOW
MARIKO
YASHIDA'S
PRESENCE,
CONSIDERING
THE CIRCUM-
STANCES
WITH JEAN,
THAT'S
PROBABLY
FOR THE
BEST.



KITTY GOT A LETTER FROM BALMORAL, DELIVERED BY CROWN COURIER. SHE'S WEARING THE TORQUE SHE BROUGHT BACK FROM SCOTLAND AFTER THAT ADVENTURE. AN ANCIENT SYMBOL OF CELTIC WARRIOR ROYALTY. SO MUCH OF THE PAST SHE SHARED WITH LOGAN IS A PRIVATE THING BETWEEN THEM.

SHE'S STILL JUST A KID. I HOPE SHE CAN HANDLE HIS LOSS.

AND BE TRULY SMART ENOUGH TO LET US HELP HER.



KNOWING
LOGAN...

...WASN'T
EASY.

HE WAS THE
BEST THERE
WAS AT WHAT
HE DID...

...BUT WHAT
HE DID BEST
WASN'T VERY
NICE.

CERTAINLY
NOT WHAT
ANYONE WOULD
EXPECT FROM A
SUPERHERO.

THEN AGAIN,
I DON'T THINK
THAT'S A TERM HE
EVER FELT APPLIED
TO HIM.

HE WAS A
MAN WHO LIVED
HIS LIFE, DID HIS
JOB, MADE NO
APOLOGIES.

BECAUSE
NONE WERE
EVER
NEEDED.

WHEN HE
CAME TO THE
X-MEN, WE DIDN'T
KNOW HIS NAME. HE
WAS JUST CALLED
"WOLVERINE."

WHEN THE
TRUTH CAME OUT AND
WE WONDERED WHY
HE NEVER TOLD US, HE
SAID SIMPLY, "YOU
NEVER ASKED."

HE WAS A MAN
WHO VOLUNTEERED
NOTHING. YOU WANTED TO
OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH
HIM, YOU HAD TO MEET
HIM HALFWAY.

AND
ALWAYS TREAT
HIM WITH
RESPECT.

YES, HE KILLED,
BUT THE IRONY WAS,
THE CIRCUMSTANCE--
THE JOB-- THAT
REQUIRED IT, WAS TO
SAVE LIVES.

PEOPLE TRIED
TO CHANGE THAT,
TO MAKE HIM INTO
SOMETHING DARKER...
BUT HE COULDN'T
BE BOUGHT... AND
HE WOULDN'T BE
BROKEN.

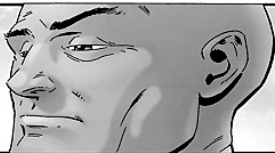


HE WAS A MAN WHO STOOD
BESIDE CAPTAIN AMERICA AND
TURNED DOWN CAP'S INVITATION TO
BE HIS FIRST *SIDEKICK*...

...SUGGESTING
INSTEAD THAT
CAP WOULD BE
BETTER SUITED
AS HIS.



HE WAS A MAN
WHO BEFRIENDED CHARLES
XAVIER THROUGHOUT THE
PROFESSOR'S TOURS OF DUTY IN
SOUTHEAST ASIA, HELPING HIM
THROUGH COUNTLESS COMBAT
SEARCH-AND-RESCUE RETRIEVALS
TO BRING LOST TROOPERS
HOME SAFELY.



WE ALL KNEW
LOGAN LIVED A LONG
AND WILD LIFE.

BUT I DOUBT
ANY OF US
IMAGINED THE
SHEER NUMBER OF
PEOPLE HE'S MET
OVER THE YEARS,
THE DECADES.



YOU WANT TO
KNOW THE KIND
OF MAN HE WAS,
THE LIFE HE LIVED,
JUST LOOK
AROUND.

THE THING
TO REMEMBER?...
LOGAN NEVER
GAVE UP.

HE KNEW HE WASN'T
PERFECT, HE DIDN'T CARE.
WHAT MATTERED WASN'T SO
MUCH THE VICTORY, IT WAS
NEVER GIVING UP.

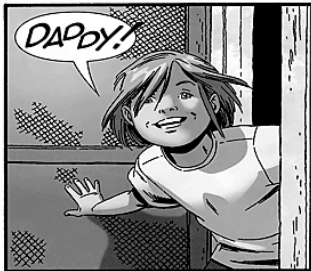
HE HAD A
DREAM, A GOAL, A
PURPOSE TO HIS LIFE.
HE KNEW IT WAS
PROBABLY DOOMED,
THAT NO MATTER HOW
HARD HE TRIED HE
COULDN'T OVERCOME
THE ANIMAL IN HIS
NATURE.

BUT THAT
NEVER STOPPED
HIM FROM
TRYING.









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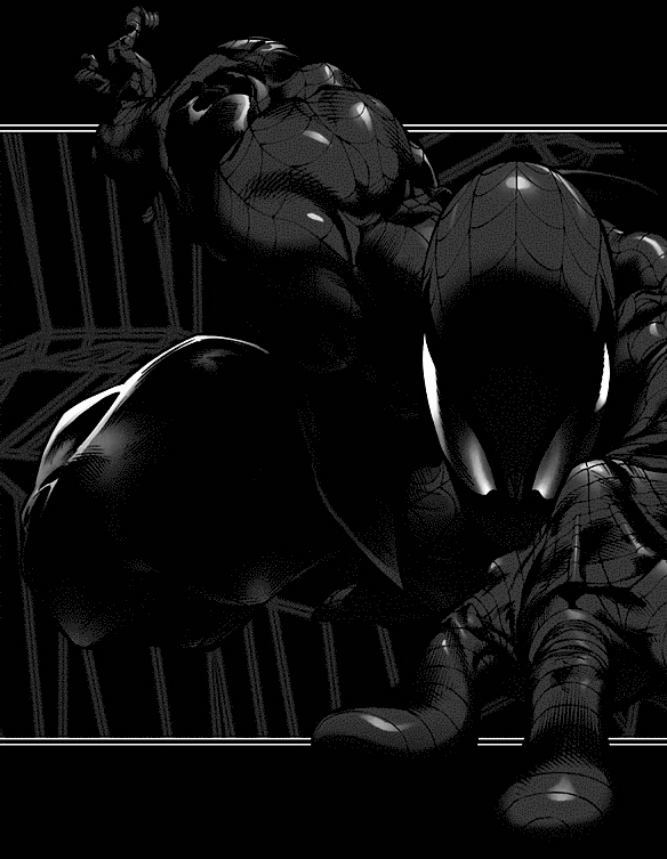


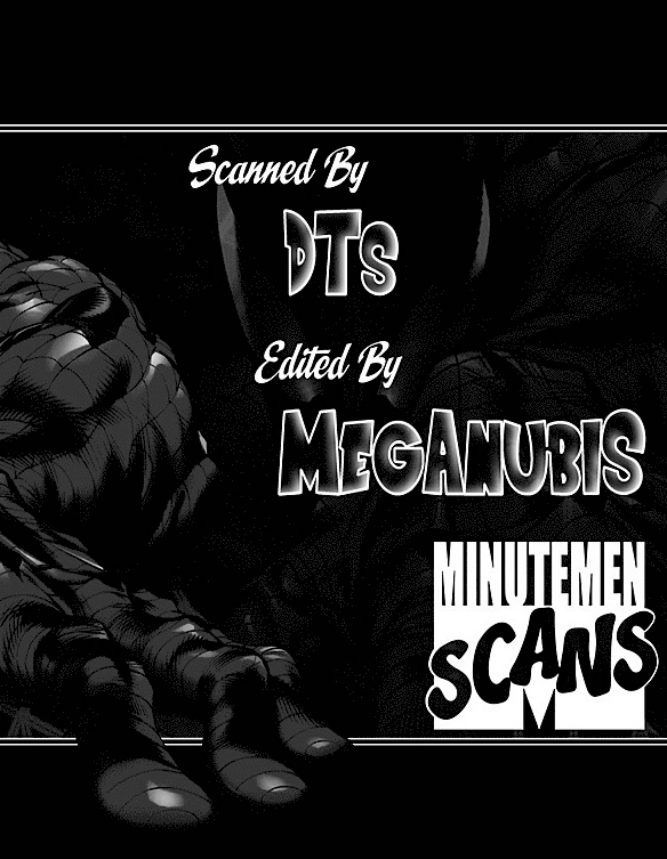
**CHECK OUT THESE
UPCOMING COVERS!**



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ON SALE NOW!

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